

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

Summer 2012

Welcome back we hope you had a lovely Easter break. To help work off all those Easter eggs our topic for Terms 5 and 6 is *The Olympics*.



Mr Thomas, Mrs Gidlow & Mrs Bastow

MATHS

Our topic work taught through maths will be mainly data handling, looking at statistics and graphs from previous Olympics. The other areas we will cover will include: place value, money, number bonds, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, time, weight and volume.

ENGLISH

In English we will write Olympic poems, information texts about the Olympics and an Olympic themed adventure story.

We will continue weekly handwriting, spelling and reading sessions.

ICT

In ICT we will concentrate on internet searches, Google Earth and Google maps, Word processing, desk top publishing, PowerPoint and keyboard skills.

SCIENCE

The Olympics will inspire us to learn about healthy eating and why exercise is important to our health. We will learn about the role of the skeleton and muscles in movement and the heart in circulation. We will discover why our pulse rate increases with exercise. We will also study the forces of gravity, air resistance and push and pull, linking them to their effects on sports such as the javelin and high jump.



HISTORY

In history we will have an introduction to the Ancient Greek Olympics and the founding of the modern games by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, before studying in more detail the 1936 Berlin Olympics and Jesse Owens.



GEOGRAPHY

We will study the locations of the venues for the 2012 London Olympics and the locations of previous host cities. We will continue our work on directions.

MUSIC

Miss Soden will be exploring the role of music in the Olympics and National Anthems in particular.

ART

We will study posters from previous Olympics and design and make our own London 2012 posters.

We shall also study human proportion to make our representations of athletes as accurate as possible.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

The children will design and build a 3D model velodrome and design and make Olympic medals.



PSHCE

The Olympic and Paralympic values of respect, excellence, friendship, courage, determination, inspiration and equality will provide us with a focus for PSHCE. We will also look at the importance of teamwork.

PE

This term we want the children to experience some different Olympic and Paralympic sports. Mrs Wallace will be teaching goalball, volleyball, hurdles and the heptathlon, while Mr Thomas will teach boccia and dance.

Please make sure your child has PE kit, consisting of dark shorts, white t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls in school. This is important for safety and hygiene. This term we will be doing PE on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.



MFL

Our language studies will again be focused on French.

HOMEWORK

Children will continue to bring home weekly spellings and Big Write talk homework. Please ensure you give them some of your time to support them with these, as along with reading at home they are very important for your child's education.

On Wednesday mornings Mr Thomas' PPA cover will no longer be supplied by Mrs Gove. Instead cover will be provided by Mrs Hayes. Mrs Hayes will also provide 2 weeks cover when Mr Thomas has his paternity leave during (hopefully) Term 5.